

Dudley Bradley's steal and dunk in the final seconds gave the Tar Heels a 70-69 win at NC State on

ized on the mistake, making the score 90-88 with 29 seconds left. Two Deacons failed to convert their one-and-one opportunities and Carolina called timeout with nine seconds on the clock. Brad Hoffman drove the baseline and nailed a 12-footer to tie the game with two seconds left. The Tar Heels pulled out the 101-100 win in overtime and went on to capture the ACC title two days later.

#### **CAROLINA 70, NC STATE 69 JANUARY 17, 1979**

Playing at Reynolds Coliseum on the campus of NC State, it looked as though the Tar Heels would finally have the tables turned against them. Carolina charged out to a 40-19 halftime lead and was seemingly in control of the game. With 10:30 to play, the Heels still led by 17, but then the Wolfpack hit a torrid streak. State had cut the Carolina lead to three with 43 seconds to play when Hawkeye Whitney went to the line for the Wolfpack. At the same time, Carolina's Jimmy Black was whistled for a technical foul and Whitney hit two of the three free throws to cut the Wolfpack's deficit to one. After the inbounds play, Kenny Matthews hit a long-range jumper with 32 seconds left that gave State a 69-68 lead. Reynolds erupted. Carolina tried to regain the lead, but Dudley Bradley missed a long jump shot and State grabbed the rebound with 16 seconds left. Reynolds celebrated. But Bradley atoned for his miss when he stole the ball from State's Clyde Austin at mid-court and drove in for the game-winning dunk. A Wolfpack desperation shot bounded off the glass and Carolina escaped with a 70-69 tri-

umph.

#### **CAROLINA 70, TULANE 68 (3 OT) NOVEMBER 30, 1982**

Coming off their 1982 national championship, the Tar Heels had opened the season with losses to St. John's and Missouri before returning to Carmichael for the home opener. The opponent was the Green Wave of Tulane, which had taken Carolina to the wire several times over the years. With the score tied at 49-49, Tulane's John Williams hit a layup with 1:29 remaining to put the Wave up by two. With just 36 seconds left, Michael Jordan scored on an offensive rebound to tie the game. But with eight seconds left, Williams made two free throws to give Tulane a 53-51 edge. Jordan was whistled for an offensive foul with four seconds remaining, and it appeared the Heels would start a season with three successive losses for the first time since 1928-29. However, Jordan came up with the Green Wave's inbounds pass and hit a spinning 24-foot prayer at the buzzer to tie the game. Carolina finally prevailed, 70-68, after three thrilling overtime periods.

#### **CAROLINA 64, VIRGINIA 63 FEBRUARY 10, 1983**

Carolina trailed Ralph Sampson and second-ranked Virginia by as many as 16 points in the second half and was down 63-53 with just 4:12 left on the clock. Jimmy Braddock hit a long three-pointer from the right side to cut the margin to seven, and Matt Doherty made both ends of a one-and-one to close the gap to five. Sam Perkins also converted his one-and-one to trim the Cavalier lead to 63-60 with 2:54 remaining. Terry Holland then had Virginia stall and Perkins was forced to foul Sampson with 1:20 left. The All-America center missed the front end of his one-and-one and Michael Jordan proceeded to take over the game. Braddock missed a three-pointer, but Jordan was there to put in the rebound. As Rick Carlisle dribbled the ball upcourt for the Cavaliers, Jordan stole it and slammed it home for a 64-63 Tar Heel lead. Carlisle missed a potential game-winning shot and Jordan grabbed the rebound to seal the win as Carmichael exploded in celebration.

#### **CAROLINA 75, MARYLAND 74 JANUARY 9, 1985**

Late in Lefty Driesell's career at College Park, Maryland seemed poised to knock off Carolina at Carmichael Auditorium. The Terps led 72-69 with only 23 seconds left and star guard Keith Gatlin on the line for a one-and-one opportunity. The 83 percent foul shooter missed the front end and Kenny Smith rushed upcourt and sank a jump shot with 16 seconds left. Steve Hale fouled Adrian Branch, a 78-percent free-throw shooter, on the inbounds pass. Branch also missed. Dave Popson provided the winning points with a high-arching jumper over Maryland defender Derrick Lewis from 16 feet away. The swish at 0:09 gave the Tar Heels a 73-72 lead. Curtis Hunter's steal and free

throws secured the win as Carolina prevailed, 75-74.

#### **CAROLINA 60, NOTRE DAME 58 MARCH 16, 1985**

In the second round of the NCAA Tournament, the higher-seeded Tar Heels played Notre Dame at South Bend. The score was tied 58-58 with 1:38 to go when the Irish's Donald Royal went to the foul stripe. Royal missed, but Jim Dolan grabbed the rebound and the Irish decided to hold for the last shot. As the clock wound down, point guard David Rivers lost control of the ball, enabling Carolina's Curtis Hunter to scoop it up and make a lead pass to Kenny Smith. Smith slammed it home for the game-winning shot and then stole the inbounds pass to seal the win.

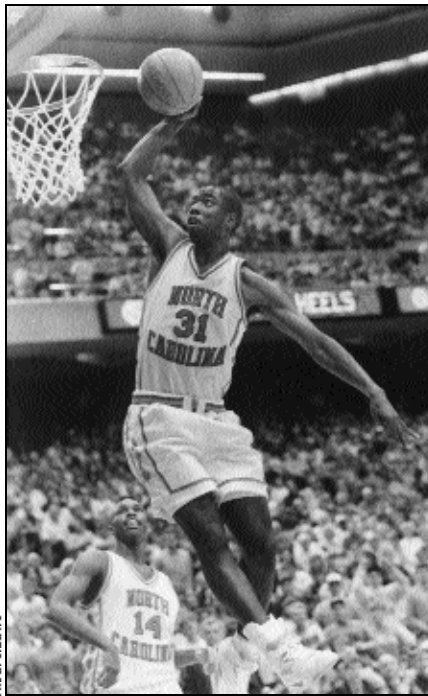
#### **CAROLINA 96, SYRACUSE 93 (OT) NOVEMBER 21, 1987**

Carolina was pitted against top-ranked Syracuse in the Hall of Fame Tip-Off Classic at Springfield, Mass. Playing without standouts J.R. Reid and Steve Bucknall, the Tar Heels seemingly were undermanned against the powerful Orangemen, who a season earlier were NCAA finalists. Indeed, with 15:39 left in the game, Syracuse had built a 14-point lead. But Carolina stormed back, and Syracuse led only 85-83 when the Tar Heels had the last possession of regulation. Freshman Pete Chilcutt hit a rim-rattling, turnaround jumper at the horn to send the game to overtime. Carolina prevailed, 96-93, in the extra session to complete the upset of the Orangemen.

#### **CAROLINA 80, JAMES MADISON 79 NOVEMBER 24, 1989**

In Carolina's season opener against James Madison at the Maui Classic, the Tar Heels trailed, 79-70, with less than a minute to play. Rick Fox started the Carolina surge with a rebound basket with 51 seconds remaining. Hubert Davis stole the ball three seconds later and canned a three-pointer to cut the margin to 79-75. The Dukes' Billy Coles missed the front end of a one-and-one with 18 seconds left and Pete Chilcutt drilled a trey to cut the deficit to one with 10 ticks remaining. Steve Hood also missed a one-and-one attempt for James Madison, but Jeff Denny's pass upcourt was stolen by the Dukes' William Davis. However, Davis stepped out of bounds, giving Carolina one last shot. King Rice threw up an off-balance runner from the top of the key and the ball banked high off the glass and in as the buzzer sounded. Final score, 80-79 Carolina. It was not the first time James Madison coach Lefty Driesell had been the victim of a Tar Heel miracle.

#### **CAROLINA 79, OKLAHOMA 77 MARCH 17, 1990**



Carolina overcame a 22-point deficit to beat Wake Forest on February 22, 1992. Brian Reese hit the game-winner on an eight-foot

Facing the top-ranked team in the country in the NCAA Tournament second round, Carolina was in jeopardy of not advancing to the Sweet 16 for the first time since 1980. The Tar Heels trailed the Oklahoma Sooners, 74-73, with 55 seconds to play when Rick Fox nailed a three-pointer from 25 feet away with the shot clock winding down. The Sooners countered with a conventional three-point play and led, 77-76, when King Rice was fouled with 10 seconds left. Rice hit the first shot, but missed the second. The rebound hit off the Sooners out-of-bounds and Carolina had the ball with eight seconds to go and a 77-77 score. Fox took a pass from Hubert Davis and drove the right baseline. His kiss off the glass as the buzzer sounded gave the Tar Heels a 79-77 win and a 10th consecutive Final 16 berth.

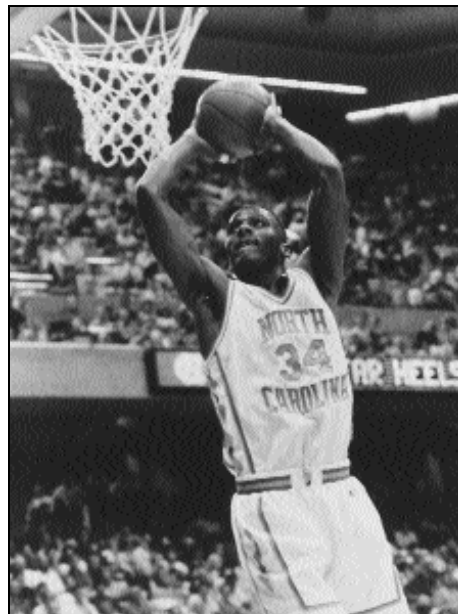
#### **CAROLINA 89, VIRGINIA 86 (2 OT) JANUARY 12, 1991**

Carolina engaged the Cavaliers of Virginia in a classic battle in Charlottesville, but the game became a one-on-one contest between point guards King Rice and John Crotty at crunch time. Trailing 69-64 with 2:10 left in regulation, the Heels came back and tied the score at 71 on Rice's drive with 31 seconds left. Virginia trailed, 78-75, in the first overtime when Crotty hit a three-pointer with 12 seconds left to play to force a second extra session. With Carolina leading 86-84 in the second overtime, Crotty evened the score with a pair of free throws at 0:26. But Rice came back and rattled in a shot over Crotty with one second left, capping another UNC last-second win.

#### **CAROLINA 80, WAKE FOREST 78 FEBRUARY 8, 1992**

Just three days after knocking off top-ranked Duke, Carolina rallied from 22 points behind to defeat Wake Forest, 80-78, on Brian Reese's jumper at the buzzer in Chapel Hill. The comeback was the biggest in terms of point deficit (22) in Tar Heel history. Despite making several mini-runs to cut that 22-point first-half deficit, UNC was behind by 20 with 14:49 to play and still trailed by 11 with 6:17 to go. The Tar Heels then went on a 10-0 run to cut the Demon Deacon lead to 75-74. Then, with 38 seconds remaining, Pat Sullivan tied the game at 78 with a pair of free throws – his only shots of the game. Reese came up with a steal that set up one final possession for Carolina with 16 seconds to go. After a timeout, Reese drove the lane and misfired off the front rim. But he followed his shot, grabbed his own rebound and launched a swish at the buzzer from 12 feet away to give the Heels an improbable 80-78 win. The final score was Carolina's first lead since it led, 3-2.

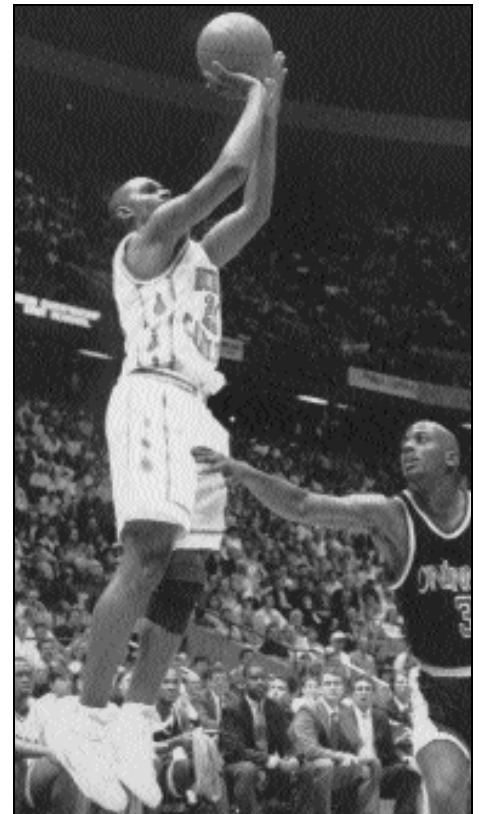
#### **CAROLINA 82, FLORIDA STATE 77 JANUARY 27, 1993**



George Lynch's steal and dunk capped a 28-4 Tar Heel rally as UNC overcame a 19-point second-half deficit and defeated Florida State, 82-77, on

One of the most memorable second-half comebacks in Carolina history came against Florida State on January 27, 1993. Seminole head coach Pat Kennedy spent the pregame browsing through the Carolina media guide, reading about the great Tar Heel comebacks of the past. Kennedy surely was unaware that his team would soon become another chapter in that storied history.

Florida State jumped out to a 45-28 advantage at the half and extended the lead to as many as 21 points in the second stanza. With under nine minutes to go, Carolina still trailed, 73-54. Spurred by pressure defense and long-range shooting, the Heels ran off 15 straight points to



Donald Williams and the Tar Heels defeated Cincinnati in overtime to advance to the 1993 Final Four and went on to win the national championship.

cut the deficit to four. Later, an Eric Montross jump hook with 1:59 left cut the FSU lead to 77-76. Then, in a play reminiscent of a Michael Jordan exploit against Virginia 10 years earlier, George Lynch stole a Charlie Ward crosscourt heave at midcourt and slammed the ball home to give Carolina a 78-77 lead. Clutch foul shooting by Donald Williams sealed the 82-77 victory. The Tar Heels had amazingly outscored the Seminoles 28-4 over the last nine minutes to end the game.

#### **1993 NCAA TOURNAMENT**

In the run to Carolina's fourth national championship, the Tar Heels had to overcome double-digit deficits on three different occasions against tough tournament competition. In the East Regional semifinal at the Meadowlands, Carolina trailed a quick and deep Arkansas team, 25-14, more than 10 minutes into the first half. Sparked by George Lynch and Donald Williams, however, the Heels went on a 14-3 run to tie the game at 28. Carolina again fell behind 38-31 before knotting the score at 45 at halftime and eventually prevailing 80-74. Two days later in the regional final, the Tar Heels trailed Cincinnati 29-14 with under seven minutes remaining in the first half. The Bearcats' Nick Van Exel hit his sixth three-pointer of the half with 4:50 remaining to chalk up his 21st point and a 33-20 lead. But led by Derrick Phelps' suffocating defense on Van Exel, Carolina cut the deficit to one by halftime, held Van Exel to only two more points in the

final 20 minutes and pulled out a 75-68 overtime win. After defeating Kansas in the Final Four in New Orleans, the Tar Heels fell behind Michigan 23-13 in the national championship game. Carolina then went on a 12-2 run to tie the game, capped off by a 22-foot three-pointer by Donald Williams. Carolina took a 42-36 halftime lead and went on to win the title, 77-71.

#### **CAROLINA 86, WAKE FOREST 84 (OT) MARCH 12, 1994**

In the semifinals of the 1994 ACC Tournament, the Tar Heels overcame 31 points and 10 assists from Wake Forest junior guard Randolph Childress and erased a five-point deficit in the final 1:15 of regulation to down the Demon Deacons, 86-84 in overtime. With an 81-78 lead, Wake coach Dave Odom called a time out and instructed guard Charlie Harrison to foul Carolina's Derrick Phelps with 11.8 seconds left. Phelps made the first free throw and missed the second, but he grabbed the rebound and dribbled to the left side of the court. He found Dante Calabria on the opposite side of the lane and Calabria's baseline drive and basket with 3.8 ticks left on the clock in regulation tied the score at 81, forcing the extra stanza. After a low-scoring overtime, Tar Heel freshman Jerry Stackhouse, who was later named the tournament MVP, took a pass from Phelps and sunk a driving shot in traffic to win the game, 86-84. Carolina went on to win its 13th ACC title the next day with a hard-fought 73-66 victory over Virginia.

#### **CAROLINA 62, WAKE FOREST 61 JANUARY 28, 1995**

UNC again victimized Wake Forest in what would be the first of two comeback road wins over in-state rivals in the span of five days. Winston-Salem was the stage for an epic battle between centers Tim Duncan and Rasheed Wallace. The Demon Deacons' Duncan, who finished the game with 18 points, 17 rebounds and seven blocked shots, and Carolina's Wallace, with totals of 17 points, 10 rebounds and three blocks, each showed the stuff that made them first-team All-ACC honorees at the close of the season. Carolina did not score during a five-minute stretch of the second half and trailed Wake Forest by 10, 53-43 with 6:39 left. Strong inside play from Wallace and the timely three-point shooting of Jeff McInnis and Donald Williams brought the Heels back within one at 61-60. Williams then hit a running one-hander from the right of the lane with 5.5 seconds remaining to seal a 62-61 win.

#### **CAROLINA 102, DUKE 100 (2 OT) FEBRUARY 2, 1995**

Five days later, Carolina and Duke waged

one of the finest battles in the history of the greatest rivalry in college basketball. It was a game of surges that seemed at times as if it would never end. The Tar Heels jumped out to an early, 26-9 lead on a reverse dunk by Jerry Stackhouse over two Blue Devil players and the ensuing free throw. Duke's three-point shooting pulled the Blue Devils within five at halftime and gave them the lead by as many as 12 midway through the second half. UNC then mounted a comeback of its own, battling back from a nine-point deficit with 6:18 to play to force overtime. The Tar Heels raced out to a nine-point lead in the first extra stanza, but four Duke three-pointers, including a running 30-footer from Blue Devil sophomore Jeff Capel at the buzzer, knotted the score at 95 and forced a second overtime. The clutch shooting of Donald Williams and a steal and basket by Jeff McInnis with under a minute to play sealed Carolina's 102-100, double-overtime win. The 202 points between the two teams were the most points ever scored in a UNC-Duke game.

#### **CAROLINA 65, WAKE FOREST 59 JANUARY 27, 1996**

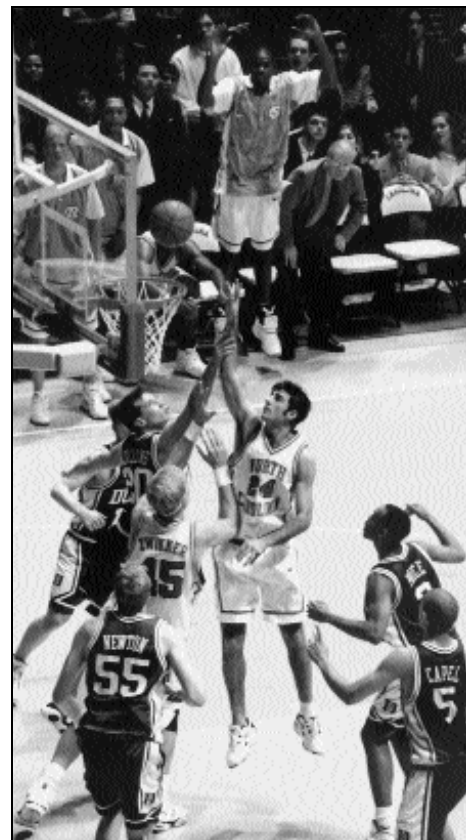
UNC actually had more turnovers than field goals in the first half and trailed Wake Forest by 14 at halftime, 42-28. The Deacons stretched the lead to 18 (41-23) with 17:23 left in the game before freshman Antawn Jamison ignited the UNC comeback. Jamison had a three-point play at 16:17 to cut the lead to 13, at 15:41 to cut it to 11 and then he followed an Ademola Okulaja three-pointer with another put-back at 12:00 to get the deficit to single digits at 43-35.

Ricky Peral and Tim Duncan scored successive baskets to build the Wake lead back to 12 with 10:56 to play, but from that point on the Tar Heels outscored the Deacons, 30-12. Jeff McInnis scored in the lane, Dante Calabria banked one high off the glass and a layup by Jamison made it six. Wake led by seven with 7:09 to play after a dunk by Duncan, but Carolina then went on a 12-3 tear to take the lead. Okulaja pulled down an offensive board to keep a possession alive which ended with a three from the right corner by Calabria to close within four points. Vince Carter hit a baseline jumper to cut it to one and with 2:24 to play Okulaja buried a three from the left wing for a 56-54 UNC lead.

Tony Rutland dropped in a three late in the shot clock with 1:49 to play for the Deacons' final lead of the game at 57-56. McInnis stole the ball after a UNC miss and hit a runner in the lane over Duncan to give Carolina the lead for good at 58-57 with 1:09 to play. McInnis and Shammond Williams each made a pair of free throws, with 38 and 15 seconds left, respectively, and Carter capped the scoring with a reverse, alley-oop dunk from McInnis.

#### **CAROLINA 73, DUKE 72 JANUARY 31, 1996**

Duke led UNC, 37-20, with 4:32 to play in



Dante Calabria's tip-in gave the Tar Heels a 73-72 win over Duke on January 31, 1996. Carolina trailed by 17 points in the first half and by four with

the opening half and by 12, 42-30, at the half. Carolina pulled within two at 44-42 with 14:14 to play, but the Blue Devils extended the lead to 11 points at 63-52 with 8:44 remaining. A jumper in the lane by Vince Carter, a tip-in by Antawn Jamison and a three-pointer by Shammond Williams trimmed Duke's lead to 63-59 and free throws by Ademola Okulaja and Jeff McInnis narrowed the gap to one. Ricky Price, who scored 20 for Duke, hit a three-pointer with 4:54 to play for a 67-63 advantage. The Blue Devils' lead was three when Okulaja grabbed an offensive rebound and scored to make it 69-68 Duke with 1:55 to go. Steve Wojciechowski hit a three-pointer at the top of the circle for a 72-68 Duke lead with 1:13 to play, but Williams countered with a three of his own with 58 seconds left. Duke turned the ball over right in front of the Blue Devil bench, and the Tar Heels nearly returned the favor but a hustling Williams forced a jump ball after a wild scramble near midcourt. Possession favored the Tar Heels, who had one last chance.

McInnis drove into the lane and fed Zwikker on the low block. Zwikker's shot was deflected by Greg Newton, but Calabria tipped the ball in for a 73-72 lead. Duke had one final chance to win, but Price's baseline jumper at the buzzer hit the front of the rim and bounced away.

#### **CAROLINA 59, NC STATE 56 JANUARY 15, 1997**

The Tar Heels began ACC play with three straight losses for the first time in history and a

fourth consecutive loss seemed imminent. Carolina led 36-28 at halftime, but did not score a field goal in the second half until the 8:09 mark and had just two baskets in the first 18 minutes of the second stanza. The Wolfpack led 56-47 with 2:00 to play, but that's when the Tar Heels went on a 12-0 run to finish the game. Antawn Jamison began the rally by forcing a steal in the backcourt and Shammond Williams hit a layup to pull within seven. Williams hit a three-pointer and Jamison added a layup to pull within two points with 50 seconds to play. Trailing by one with 28 seconds left, Carolina fouled and the strategy worked as State missed the front end of a one-and-one. The Tar Heels went ahead for good with 12 seconds to play as Ademola Okulaja fed Jamison on the low block for a layup. Vince Carter stole the inbounds pass after the go-ahead score to secure the win.

#### **CAROLINA 45, NC STATE 44 FEBRUARY 12, 1997**

This 45-44 UNC win is the lowest scoring victory in Dean Smith's 36 years as head coach. The Tar Heels trailed 28-19 at the half and fell behind by 11 moments after halftime. Carolina chipped away at the Pack's lead and pulled within 42-41 with 7:25 to play on a dunk by Antawn Jamison. Neither team scored for the next 5:22 until a Damon Thornton basket gave State a 44-41 advantage. Serge Zwikker scored for UNC to make it 44-43 and, with just two team fouls, Carolina began to foul to send the Pack to the line. With 12.3 seconds to play, however, Jamison forced a turnover right in front of the bench and Carolina got the ball back for one last play. Freshman point guard Ed Cota drove to the left baseline and lofted a soft lob shot which found the net with 4.5 seconds remaining. State's last-gasp shot, a three-point-er from the right wing by Danny Strong, was blocked by Vince Carter.

#### **CAROLINA 72, GEORGIA TECH 68 FEBRUARY 15, 1997**

Georgia Tech led 37-30 at the half and built its lead to 59-44 with 7:42 to play in front of a boisterous crowd in Atlanta. Carolina had to play the entire second half without senior center Serge Zwikker, who suffered a concussion in the first half. Shammond Williams and Ademola Okulaja hit three-pointers and UNC pulled within nine points with 6:37 to play. More than three minutes later, the Yellow Jackets lead remained at nine points, 67-58. From that point on, however, the Tar Heels outscored Tech, 14-1. Antawn Jamison hit three free throws, Ed Cota set up Vince Carter and Jamison for layups and the Yellow Jackets lead was down to 67-65. Cota then set up Williams for a go-ahead three from the left corner with 1:12 to play. Tech sank one free throw to tie the game, but Cota calmly sank two free throws with 33 seconds left for the win.

#### **CAROLINA 82, GEORGIA 80 (OT)**



This running jumper with 4.5 seconds left by freshman Ed Cota lifted Carolina to a 45-44 win at NC State on February 12, 1997.

#### **DECEMBER 27, 1997**

Carolina trailed Georgia, 73-66, in Athens, Ga., but outscored the Bulldogs 7-0 over the final 2:00 in regulation. Vince Carter's jumper and a tip-in by Ademola Okulaja cut the lead to three with 1:44 left. Okulaja hit three straight free throws to tie the game, the final two with just 25.3 seconds remaining. Okulaja then forced a jump ball on Georgia's last-second possession and the game went to overtime. Okulaja hit a three-pointer early in the overtime and Carolina led by five points in the extra period, but the Dawgs tied the game at 80-80 with 31.9 seconds to play. With 3.2 seconds to play, point guard Ed Cota fed Carter for the game-winning basket.

#### **CAROLINA 107, GEORGIA TECH 100 (2OT) FEBRUARY 8, 1998**

The Tar Heels let a seven-point lead slip away in the final minute of regulation, but Shammond Williams put on an awesome three-point shooting display as Carolina prevailed, 107-100, in double overtime in Alexander Memorial Coliseum. Williams sent the game to a second overtime with a pair of free throws with six seconds left in the first extra period. In the second OT, Williams scored 12 of his career-high 42 points, including two three-pointers

#### **CAROLINA 74, TENNESSEE 69 MARCH 24, 2000**

Carolina was unranked for the first time in 10 years and entered the NCAA Tournament as the No. 8 seed in the South. The inspired Tar

Heels faced Tennessee, which came into the game at 26-6 and ranked No. 10 in the nation.

Tennessee led, 39-36, at halftime. The Tar Heels then scored just six points in the first 8:00 of the second half as the Vols extended the lead to 51-42. UT still led by a basket when UNC center Brendan Haywood fouled out with 8:03 left and led, 64-57, with 4:48 left. Freshmen Joseph Forte and Julius Peppers and senior point guard Ed Cota sparked UNC's comeback.

Forte hit a three-pointer and Capel made a steal and layup to make it 64-62 with 3:41 left. Cota drove through the UT defense for a layup to tie the game and followed with a jumper in the lane to give UNC the lead with 1:59 left. Peppers, a starting defensive end on the football team and a walkon basketball player, had four points and five rebounds after Haywood's exit. Forte, Peppers and Cota each hit two free throws in the final 0:34 to cap a 15-3 Tar Heel run and a 74-69 win. Carolina beat Tulsa two days later to send Bill Guthridge to his second Final Four in three years as head coach.

The above is not even an all-encompassing list of great Carolina finishes. It's remarkable how the Tar Heels always seem to pull out the close games. Chubby Wells, a former Clemson player, expressed the frustration felt by countless teams over the years:

"When the games are close at the end, the North Carolina players know they're going to win. They know they're going to win because they're supposed to win. They're North Carolina. The bad thing is the players on the other team know it, too. That gives Carolina a great psychological edge."

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## THE SMITH CENTER JERSEYS

The following is a list of all jerseys (retired and honored) hanging in the Smith Center rafters. To have his jersey retired, a player must be a consensus National Player of the Year. To have his jersey honored, a player must be the most valuable player (as voted by his teammates) of an NCAA championship team, a member of a gold-medal winning Olympic team or one of the top 10 players in the nation on a generally recognized All-America team.

### #23 MICHAEL JORDAN (retired)

The name Michael Jordan and the phrase "greatest basketball player in the world" today seem inseparable. "Air" Jordan could not elude the spotlight in his freshman year at Carolina as he hit the winning jump shot from the left wing with 15 seconds left in the 1982 national championship game, garnering UNC its third national title. He was named the ACC Rookie of the Year that season and was one of only 10 freshmen under coach Dean Smith to have started the first game of his career.

Jordan's career averages at Carolina were 17.7 points per game and 5.0 rebounds per contest from his big guard position. A consensus All-America in both 1983 and 1984, Jordan was first-team All-ACC both of those seasons. Jordan was famous at Carolina for providing late-game heroics that engineered Tar Heel victories. Besides the aforementioned NCAA title game, he led a momentous comeback against Virginia in 1983, clinching the game with a last-minute steal and dunk. That same season, he sent a game versus Tulane into overtime with a steal and a long jumper at the end of regulation as UNC went on to win in triple overtime.

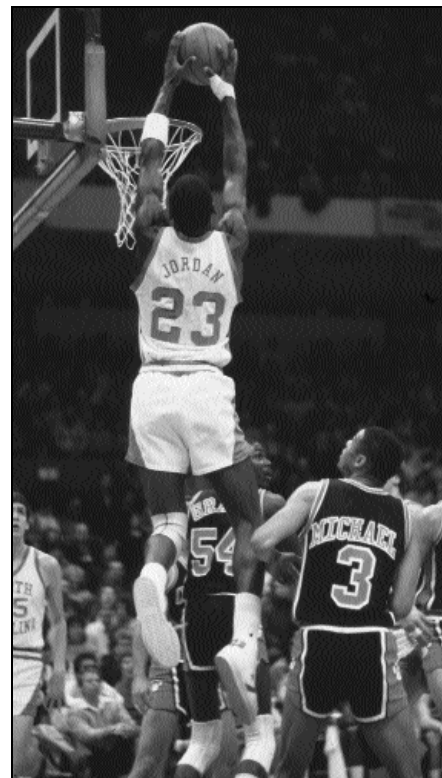
In 1984, Jordan led the ACC in scoring with 19.4 points per game and was subsequently named ACC Player and Athlete of the Year. After being named National Player of the Year by the Sporting News in 1983, he was the unanimous choice for the award a year later. He was the leading scor-

er on both the 1983 U.S. Pan American Games team and the 1984 U.S. Olympic team, both of which won gold medals. Jordan passed up his final year of eligibility after consulting with Coach Smith and entered the NBA draft, where he was chosen third by the Chicago Bulls.

He went on to become a bona fide superstar in the pro ranks, being named the league's Rookie of the Year in 1985 and its Most Valuable Player in 1988, 1991, 1992, 1996 and 1998. He led the Bulls to their first-ever championship in 1991 and then helped them successfully defend that title in 1992 by beating the Portland Trail Blazers.

In the summer of 1992, Jordan was a member of the Olympic "Dream Team," a group of NBA all-stars who captured the gold medal in Barcelona. Jordan was named the Most Valuable Player of the NBA Finals three years in a row and led the Bulls to their third consecutive world championship in 1993 over the Phoenix Suns. No team since the Boston Celtics of 1959-66 had won as many championships in a row.

His sudden retirement from the professional ranks in the fall of 1993, subsequent career in professional baseball and return to the NBA caused almost as much of a sensation as his on-court heroics. He returned to the Bulls late in the 1994-95 season and led Chicago to three straight NBA titles before retiring prior to the 1998-99 campaign. In 1997-98, his final season, he led Chicago to its sixth NBA title while capturing the NBA Finals MVP Award for the sixth time.



Calvin Carter



Hugh Wolfen

### M. JORDAN'S CAREER STATS

Year	GP	FG	Pct	FT	Pct	Reb	Avg	A	S	Pts	Avg
1981-82	34	191-358	53.4	78-108	72.2	149	4.4	61	41	460	13.5
1982-83	36	282-527	53.5	123-167	73.7	197	5.5	56	78	721	20.0
1983-84	31	247-448	55.1	113-145	77.9	163	5.3	64	50	607	19.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>720-1333</b>	<b>54.0</b>	<b>314-420</b>	<b>74.8</b>	<b>509</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>1788</b>	<b>17.7</b>

